

2022 Planning and Resource Guide

A woman with dark hair in a bun, wearing a bright red dress over a light pink shirt, stands in the center of a yard filled with debris. To her left is a blue and yellow plastic play structure. To her right is a yellow metal shelving unit. The ground is covered with trash, including a pink bicycle and various pieces of wood and plastic. In the background, there are trees and a partially destroyed white building. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Love remains

Put love into action. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:13



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Dear Friends, greetings to you in the name of the One who has called us into love and light. We are preparing for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Our theme for 2022 is *Love Remains*, based on 1 Corinthians 13.

In the theme scripture, the Apostle Paul helped newly converted Christians at Corinth embrace the virtue of love. Love is an active decision to think of others before self; to work on behalf of others; and to care for others with acts of kindness and advocacy. Paul taught that community is less about “me” and more about “us.”

“Us”—the community—is defined broadly without limitations and boundaries. Community crosses boundaries and borders, creating realities which transcend perceived differences in ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, religion, spirituality, cultural diversity, and social location can be acknowledged and celebrated. It is not limited to one’s household or home church or immediate neighborhood.

Paul taught that Jesus formed a new kind of community from a group of diverse persons—a community whose fabric of communal life is woven with threads of justice, love and service.

Over the last year, there were communities needing a little more compassion, love and support. Tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes ravaged communities worldwide, in some cases, destroying everything, and leaving behind devastation, and tribulation. Drought, violence and COVID wreaked havoc in communities, leaving people without food and resources for themselves and their family. When members of the United Church of Christ heard of these disasters, they responded and even invited friends to participate in providing much needed help.

You are making the difference in the lives of many in need around the world. Through your generosity, the United Church of Christ provided support that offered hope during times of despair. With your assistance we offered food, water, medicines, education, and opportunities for sustainable development.

This ministry of compassion is a result of the love Paul called the church to, and the love we will continue to witness through your generosity and gifts given through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Thank you for your congregation’s continued faithfulness in supporting those who need resources and assistance to recover their lives following disasters. Thank you for your individual contributions as well. We bear witness to God’s love and grace through your love poured out among us.

The OGHS Planning and Resource Guide will be helpful for promoting the offering in your setting. Promotional materials will also be available [online](#), including a video sermon from me that you can use for the OGHS Offering Sunday, or any Sunday leading up to the offering.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Your gifts allow us to put love into action, ensuring that *Love Remains*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Georgia Thompson".

The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson
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United Church of Christ

The suggested Sunday for the OGHS Offering is March 27, 2022.

Promoting the OGHS Offering in 4 Easy Steps

Thank you for your support of One Great Hour of Sharing. Each year, congregations promote the offering to help reach those in need worldwide. This guide aims to make promoting the offering easy by putting the resources in your hands and sharing where to find additional resources. Thank you, on behalf of each life that will be blessed because of our support.

- 1 Organize materials** in the packet. Check contents to ensure proper quantities. Order additional items if needed at uccresources.com. Share contents with other ministry leaders and discuss promotional ideas.
- 2 Generate Excitement** by getting others involved. Set a goal. Invite participation through a pastoral letter or regular newsletter. Get the children involved. Remind people of the offering at weekly services and gatherings or by offering moments for missions included in the packet, or found on the website: ucc.org/oghs_resources.
- 3 Help the Congregation** learn something new about the offering. Use the mission moments, adult and children's sermon suggestions, stories, skits, and video resources. Make OGHS a special part of the service on multiple dates prior to the offering. The suggested OGHS offering date is March 27, 2022.
- 4 Share the Good News.** After thanking the congregation for their support, announce the amount received for the offering in worship and in your church newsletter. Celebrate reaching your goal and let members know they can give to One Great Hour of Sharing all year. Send your congregation's gift to your UCC Conference Office making sure it is clearly marked "OGHS."



In addition to Our Church's Wider Mission (Basic Support), the United Church of Christ has 4 Special Mission Offerings. They (SMOs) exist to allow congregations and individuals to meet people at points of critical need in their lives. Though many options exist for direct, individual support of these needs, the SMOs allow a common witness and make a collective positive impact. Our church has identified four areas where these critical human needs exist: • in places lacking health and educational resources and/or where disaster has struck; • within systems of injustice which oppress daily life and opportunity; • in the nurture of youth and congregations just beginning their lives of faith. • in the lives of church leaders without sufficient resources to live with dignity; We believe these SMOs collectively serve to lift people closer to the abundance and wholeness to which Jesus Christ has called us to work together to bring about.

One Great Hour of Sharing received the Fourth Sunday of Lent, supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response.

Strengthen the Church received on Pentecost Sunday, supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, youth and young adult ministries within conferences.

Neighbors in Need received the First Sunday of October as part of World Communion Sunday supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) and Justice and Local Church Ministries. It supports a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

The Christmas Fund received the Sunday before Christmas provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium.

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:13 (NIV)

Prayer of Invocation

Giver of life, we open ourselves—body, mind and spirit—to worship this day with an attitude of generosity and gratitude. We pray that faith, hope and love would fill us and our faith community, so that it carries into our neighborhoods and across the world which you so lovingly created. Indeed, let love be known in all that we say and do. In the name of the one who showed us what love is, the name of Jesus. Amen.

Responsive Reading

ONE:	Love is patient,
MANY:	but sometimes we want things to happen on our schedule.
ONE:	Love is kind,
MANY:	but we do not always show that in our actions towards others.
ONE:	Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude,
MANY:	but there are times when we are.
ONE:	Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
MANY:	but rejoices in truth and freedom.
ONE:	Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures.
MANY:	Our deepest desire is to do the same.
ONE:	Love can be shown through our actions.
MANY:	Love is resilient determination.
ONE:	Love digs deeper.
MANY:	Love gives more.
ONE:	Love is made evident in big and small ways,
ALL:	and the world is a better place.

Communion Prayer

God who abides with us and who comes to us in so many ways—through the prophets and the judges, through men and women through the ages, even through a still small voice. You sent us your Son, Jesus Christ, who showed us that even when we were not loved by the world, you loved us with an unyielding love. Then you sent your Spirit, the same one which hovered over creation and came at Pentecost in a new way, so that we might be empowered to love others as we have been loved.

Though we often see things dimly, as in a cloudy mirror, and we know only in part what you still have to reveal to us, love gathers us around the table. When all else seems unclear, we gather to remember the promise of Jesus—that even when he seems to be gone from our midst, his love remains. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

We offer these gifts, O God, in the spirit of love. May the gifts that we offer this day embody our loving response to your great love for us. Through these gifts, may others feel the love of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Offering Invitation

Around the world, gifts given by this faith community to One Great Hour of Sharing weave together a tapestry of faith, hope, and love in action. We are grateful for the opportunity to change the world through our acts of kindness, large and small.

Maria von Trapp (whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*) once said, “It will be very interesting one day to follow the pattern of our life as it is spread out like a beautiful tapestry. As long as we live here, we see only the reverse side of the weaving, and very often the pattern, with its threads running wildly, doesn’t seem to make sense. Someday, however, we shall understand.”¹

The tapestry we weave includes our being present with communities near or far, following various kinds of disasters, assisting communities with the resources they need to survive, or helping children with educational needs. Yet, we cannot be in all places needing our assistance ourselves or even see them with our own eyes; but through our generous gifts, we can show that love remains, in spite of all obstacles. Let us give, joyfully and generously, in that spirit.



¹Trapp, Maria Augusta. *The Story of the Trapp Family Singers* (William Morrow Paperbacks/HarperCollins, 2001), 83.

Sermon Starter

What does *Love* look like for your congregation?

Can love be given and received via Zoom or FaceTime, through a glass window, or behind a face covering? In a post-pandemic reality, we are rethinking what love feels and looks like, aren't we? Fortunately, Paul reminds us that while the delivery may be different, love remains the same. Although we read parts of 1 Corinthians 13 at wedding and anniversary ceremonies, Paul wrote this letter to a church in crisis. All his work to bring people to Christ is on the verge of dissolving, and his pastoral work, done remotely, is unraveling.

The congregation at Corinth started well. Paul and his associates gathered a widely diverse group of people who committed themselves to living the life of Jesus Christ. They formed a community and focused on the common good. When Paul left them, the Corinthian congregation was growing and thriving. Then, things started to fall apart as the members reverted to old patterns: the community began honoring the rich over the poor, the religiously gifted over those gifted differently, the educated over the illiterate, men over women,



and adults over children. In the early days, the Corinthians celebrated and embraced their diversity—each person valued for their uniqueness, each one's gifts celebrated as they all contributed to the whole. But now, their differences are problems. Paul calls for a return to love.

In Paul's encomium on love, he uses the Greek agape nine times to emphasize its importance to and for communal life. For him, love is an expression of commitment to a life in community; one that values each person and the gifts they bring. Every contributor is celebrated because they are now family—biology did not matter as much to Paul as the theology of community, church, and communion. His image of the Body of Christ emphasizes that each person, each part of the Body is vital, important, and necessary for the thriving of the whole. What does love look like for Paul? It is patient and gentle. It is not envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, selfish, irritable, or resentful—all the things the Corinthians were exhibiting! Christian unity was turning into Christian bickering—not the behavior expected of siblings in Christ. Paul's letter is a reminder to the folks at Corinth that God calls them to a better way—a way that is centered in love and results in unity while respecting differences; a way that sees in the other a kinship that transcends familial boundaries; a way that serves others from a place of love; a way that values others for who and what they are. The way that Paul points to is about faith and hope and love.

Howard Thurman grew up during the early 1900s in Daytona, Florida, where educational opportunities for Blacks were limited. There were only three high schools for Blacks in the entire state. The closest private church-related high school was in Jacksonville, about 90 miles away. His community pooled their resources to send him to further his education.

At the train station, Thurman learned he would have to pay extra to ship his rope-tied trunk, and he did not have the money. Alone and dejected, he sat on

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the steps of the rail station. A stranger, a Black man, asked why he was crying. After Thurman explained his situation, the man paid the extra fare. Before Thurman could thank him, the man walked away, and Thurman never saw him again. The dedication to his autobiography reads:

To the stranger in the railroad station in Daytona Beach who restored my broken dream sixty-five years ago²

Thurman went on to become a renowned scholar and theologian and influenced the likes of Martin Luther King, Jr. The stranger saw a young man in despair and his generosity made a difference—he expected nothing in return; he just saw a need and responded. The man may or may not have thought of his gift as an act of love, but it changed the trajectory of Thurman's life.

This is what One Great Hour of Sharing does for people across the planet—it restores broken dreams, resurrects hope, and carves a path into the future.

As you prepare to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, recount for your church what love looks like in your context. Share how your gifts make a difference for neighbors near and far whose names you do not know and whom you may never meet.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the constant refrain has been “we will get through this—together!” That's what love looks like— people willing to share their resources to make the way easier for others—offering hope, kindness, and care. Agape is love that is rooted in concrete acts of compassion: helping to rebuild after hurricanes and tornadoes; teaching farming methods as the climate changes; providing chickens to stave off poverty; and, yes, even paying the fare for a stranger at a railroad station.

Through all kinds of weather, and even in the unknown, love remains— and love lived in community transforms the world.

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you help rebuild, renew, and restore. Your generosity means that through it all...love remains.

²*With Head and Heart: The Autobiography of Howard Thurman* (New York: Harcourt & Brace, 1979), dedication page, 24–25

Children's Sermon

This children's moment illustrates some of the ways young people know and experience love as well as share it with others. It was constructed to be used in your own words or followed as a script. Feel free to adapt it to fit your setting and it may be further adjusted for virtual or hybrid worship contexts.

Theme

One Great Hour of Sharing shows us what love is by helping others. There are many ways for us to experience love and to share that with others. Sometimes, we just need to think about love in new ways.

Materials needed

- ✓ An affirming listening ear, eager to engage children's ideas!
- ✓ Coinboxes to pass out to the children.
- ✓ Photo of Myanmar chicken feeding project

Script Suggestion

"What does love look like?" (Give time for responses).

In one of the books of the Bible, a man by the name of Paul, we sometimes call him "Apostle Paul," wrote some ideas about this. He said that love is patient, kind, and is truth. He also says some things love is NOT: love is not rude or irritating and it does not do wrong to others. Have you ever heard that? He even says that love never ends. Wow! Can you think of ways that you could be loving toward another person? Maybe in your family or at school? (Give time for responses).

One of the ways we can show love is to help others. Through a special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing, we have the chance to help people we may never meet. One of the projects we have helped make possible was rebuilding a school after it was destroyed by a hurricane. Doesn't that sound like love? Would you want someone to help rebuild your school if it was destroyed?

There's another way One Great Hour of Sharing has helped us show love to others, and I think it's really nice. In a country called Myanmar, our offering

helps women buy chickens. They can sell the eggs to others so that they can have enough food to eat and provide for their families. Show the picture. Did you ever think you could love someone by giving them a chicken? Well, you can.



Next, pass out One Great Hour of Sharing coinboxes to children and families or arrange for them to be given out at an appropriate time.

You have a chance to show love to others through this offering, which you can collect through the next few weeks. Here is a special bank that will help you show love to others. At home, I'd like you to think about all the times you experience love. And with your family, maybe each night at dinner, or when you have breakfast, think and pray together about how you want to make a difference. Maybe you want to put in a coin or even a dollar for every time you feel loved. There is a Sharing Calendar here too that you can use with your family and your coin box.

I bet you can think of a lot of creative ways to help! It's a way of being mindful of all that we have, being grateful, and helping others.

Share any details about when your congregation will be receiving the offering, and when and how they should return the coinboxes.

Let's pray a blessing together over these banks and on the offering we will receive with them. What do we hope God will do? Allow for all their prayer requests. All prayers are welcome!

Very good! Let's pray: If you are comfortable doing so, incorporate the specific requests and wording offered by the children in your prayer with them. And/ Or you may wish to use this prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for loving us so much and showing us how we can love others. Use the offerings we will put in these boxes to change someone's life. Help us love those we will never even meet. With thankful hearts, we pray. Amen.

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Love
is determined



CWS PHOTO

Daw Aye May is a 56-year-old widow who lives alone in the village of Sar Phyu Su, 40 miles north of Yangon, Myanmar. When she lost her husband in 2019, she thought her future was gone too. But she managed to maintain a living selling herbs at market. Then came COVID-19. Restrictions curtailed public gatherings at large markets and travel, disrupting an already limited economy by reducing farmers ability to sell products in distant and larger markets.

Although Daw Aye May received some additional support from family, she knew she needed to find another way to earn money when selling herbs was no longer a possibility. Soon she learned that One Great Hour of Sharing partners through Church World Service were sharing chickens with families who had great need and training them in animal care and husbandry.

Within weeks of picking up two hens and a rooster from a hatchery delivery truck, Daw Aye May had eggs! At first, “I didn’t have any idea about how to raise chickens, but just wanted to try. I just fed the chickens and let all the eggs hatch,” she said. In fact, she let the first 12 eggs hatch into young chicks. Shortly afterwards, she collected another 13 eggs from the first two hens and sold 10 eggs in the village to earn \$1.81. That’s nearly half the official daily minimum wage of \$3.53. “I was so happy as this was my first time making money

from my chicken raising business,” she said proudly.

Local partners sourced a local breed of hens and roosters for villagers because they are easier to raise free-range style. In less than five months, Daw Aye May had 30 hens and five roosters—with no prior experience in raising poultry. “I learned that chicken meat from the local breed earns more money.” She expects to soon gather 30 eggs per day, earning up to \$5.42/day in sales within a cluster of walkable villages.

The newly inspired chicken farmer shared her joy and gratitude. “I thank CWS for sparking the light of a more hopeful future for me. Honestly, I wasn’t initially interested in chicken raising. Now, I want to be a poultry business woman. With a flock of 35 hens and roosters already, I will expand the flock further. My plan is to collect and sell more eggs in neighboring villages where I am allowed to travel. Also, I will use chicken manure in my home garden as organic fertilizer.”

Daw May Aye’s determination is an inspiration to anyone who hears her story. Though it would have been understandable for her to give up, she found a way to not only survive, but thrive. This new beginning is made possible by the love you share through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing! In a time that will forever be marked by the tragedy of a global pandemic, your determined generosity makes stories like Daw May Aye’s possible, showing the world once again that, even amid our most difficult struggles, “faith, hope, and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love.”

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12 Mission Moment

Emiliani lives in the Balombong village of Indonesia, an area where most people rely on farming to earn their living. As a changing climate affects harvests, families such as hers must find ways to adapt.

Emiliani joined a community savings group which is run by women farmers in Balombong. These farmers each contribute to the group and are then able to take out loans to meet basic needs, expand businesses, or otherwise work toward economic stability. The “DREAM team” (Disaster Risk Reduction through Enhanced Adaptive Measures) is a program of Church World Service, supported by One Great Hour of Sharing.

Emiliani participated in workshops that taught organizational and bookkeeping skills, as well as climate-adapted farming practices, so the women could continue farming even in the dry season. “I never miss a group meeting because the opportunity to learn new things is so great,” Emiliani says. “Not to mention the friendships that bloomed within our group. With each passing month we continue motivating each other to grow our incomes.”

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Some of the new things Emiliani learned from the group were how to make organic composts, fertilizers, and pesticides. Her garden began to flourish with the new techniques, but Emiliani didn’t stop there. She decided to take a risk and plant vegetables during the dry season, making \$54 from her first dry season harvest! The family’s typical income is between \$1,000 and \$1,400 a year, and these additional funds helped cover living expenses for her son so he could go to school!

Her success has encouraged others to also plant during the dry season. Now, they can all sell their harvest at the market or share their vegetables with neighbors year-round.

Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, programs like DREAM not only empower women to maintain a stable farming income in a shifting climate; they also help women to dream bigger dreams. The climate-adapted farming practices, in addition to the business managing workshops have given the women the confidence and skills they need to thrive year-round – through farming and through the community bond of friendship they’ve developed!

“And now faith, hope, and love remain; and the greatest of these is love.” When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you are participating in the kind of love that offers women of Balombong a pathway to a sustainable future where the entire community can thrive.

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Love Remains Giving Calendar

For use with the OGHS coin banks that can be ordered at www.UCCResources.com.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1	"I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart." Give 1 unit as an act of gratitude today.	In 2020, disasters in the U.S. hit a record with 22 "billion dollar" disasters. Give 2 units to support disaster preparedness.	At least 2 billion people worldwide use contaminated water sources. Give 1 unit for every faucet in your home.	COVID-19 led to a dramatic rise in hunger worldwide. Give 2 units if you had enough food to eat today.	The U.S. cap on refugee entries in 2021 was 62,500. Give 2 units to support a higher ceiling in 2022.	1 in every 95 people in the world has fled their home due to conflict or persecution. Give 1 unit if you feel safe at home.	UN Sustainable Development Goal (UN SDG) 1 is to End poverty in all its forms everywhere. Give 1 unit if you live in a stable home.
Week 2	Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor." Give 1 unit to support the 1 in 6 children who live in poverty worldwide.	More than 5,000 families were separated at the U.S. southern border between 2017 and 2020. Give 1 unit to help keep families together.	More than 80 million people worldwide have been forcibly displaced. Give 2 units to support resettlement programs.	Human trafficking affect more than 40 million people worldwide--75% of whom are women and girls. Give 2 units in honor of the women and girls in your life.	Air pollution kills an estimated 7 million people each year. Give 1 unit to support alternative energy projects that improve air quality.	OGHS partners work for equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine worldwide. Give 2 units if you have been vaccinated.	UN SDG2 is to End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. Give 1 unit if you have a garden, 2 if you do not.
Week 3	"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Give 1 unit for faith, 1 unit for hope; and 1 unit for love!	More than 600 million children worldwide lack minimum proficiency in math and reading. Give 2 units to support education.	More than 2 billion people worldwide lack access to basic sanitation. Give 1 unit for every bathroom in your home.	In 2020, more than 400 natural disasters occurred worldwide. Give 2 units to support survivors still trying to rebuild.	Homes built by OGHS Partners in Haiti after Hurricane Michael survived the 2021 earthquake because they were structurally sound. Give 2 units to support quality construction.	By 2025, half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas. Give 2 units to support water-related development programs.	UN SDG 3 is to Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all, at all ages. Give 2 units if you are involved in a physical activity program.
Week 4	Love Remains. Give 1 unit for every Bible verse you can think of that is about loving your neighbor!	Psychosocial support is one of the most critical needs following a disaster. Give 1 unit to support survivors dealing with PTSD.	More than 800 million people in the world live with hunger. Give 1 unit to support food security programs.	OGHS Partners help provide shelter following disasters. Give 1 unit if there is a roof over your head right now.	Climate change is causing more frequent and more severe natural disasters. Give 2 units to help those impacted by these storms.	Women's empowerment programs reduce the rate of gender-based violence. Give 1 unit to support economic opportunities for women.	UN SDG 4 is to Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities. Give 1 unit if you have access to education.

Sources: UN Sustainable Development Goals Knowledge Platform; UN High Commissioner for Refugees; CDC; World Health Organization; FEMA

Order Additional OGHS Materials at www.uccresources.com

Top 100 Giving Churches (based on 2020 per capita)

California, Nevada Northern

Congregational Church of Campbell UCC
Campbell, CA
Danville Congregational Church
Danville, CA
Niles Discovery Church
Fremont, CA
Arlington Community UCC
Kensington, CA
Skyland Community UCC
Los Gatos, CA
College Avenue United Church of Christ
Modesto, CA
Ladera Community Church
Portola Valley, CA
Saint John's UCC
San Francisco, CA
First Congregational UCC
Escondido, CA

California, Nevada Southern

Mission Hills UCC
San Diego, CA
San Marino Congregational UCC
San Marino, CA

Central Atlantic

New Ark Church UCC
Newark, DE
Greenbelt Community Church, UCC
Greenbelt, MD
Saint Mark's UCC
Hampstead, MD
United Christian Parish
Reston, VA
Emmaus UCC
Vienna, VA

Central Pacific

First Congregational UCC
Corvallis, OR
First Congregational UCC
Hillsboro, OR
Cedar Hills UCC
Portland, OR
Hillsdale Community Church UCC
Portland, OR
UCC Congregational of the Dalles
The Dalles, OR

Florida

Hope United Church of Christ
Rockledge, FL
Union Congregational UCC
Tavares, FL

Hawaii

Hanapepe United Church of Christ
Hanapepe, HI
Koloa Union United Church of Christ
Koloa, HI
Hawaii Kai United Church of Christ
Honolulu, HI
Waikeola Congregational Church UCC
Honolulu, HI

Heartland

Christ United Church
Olmsted Falls, OH
Plymouth Church UCC
Shaker Heights, OH

Illinois

Congregational UCC
Arlington Heights, IL

Trinity UCC
Deerfield, IL
Christ Church UCC
Des Plaines, IL
First Congregational UCC
Elgin, IL
Saint Paul UCC
Elgin, IL
First Church UCC
Lombard, IL
Ivanhoe Congregational UCC
Mundelein, IL
Pilgrim Congregational UCC
Oak Park, IL
St John's UCC
Waukegan, IL

Indiana-Kentucky

First United Church
Bloomington, IN
First Congregational UCC
Indianapolis, IN
Immanuel UCC
Indianapolis, IN
Lynnhurst UCC
Louisville, KY

Iowa

United Church of Christ—Congregational
Grinnell, IA
The Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
Iowa City, IA
First Congregational UCC
Webster City, IA

Maine

First Congregational UCC
Camden, ME

Michigan

First Congregational UCC
Alpena, MI
Plymouth UCC
Grand Rapids, MI

Minnesota

United Church of Christ in New Brighton
New Brighton, MN
Associated Church
Owatonna, MN
Macalester Plymouth United Church
Saint Paul, MN

Missouri Mid-South

Ivy Chapel UCC
Chesterfield, MO
Saint John/Stolpe UCC
New Florence, MO
Eden United Church of Christ
Saint Louis, MO
Kirkwood UCC
Kirkwood, MO
Samuel UCC
Saint Louis, MO

New Hampshire

First Parish Church, Congregational, UCC
Dover, NH

New York

Mountain Rise United Church of Christ
Fairport, NY

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Top 100 Giving Churches (Cont.) (based on 2020 per capita)

Presbyterian/New England Congregational Church
Saratoga Springs, NY

Pacific Northwest

Shalom UCC, Richland
Richland, WA

Magnolia UCC
Seattle, WA

United Church in University Place
University Place, WA

Northshore UCC
Woodinville, WA

Penn Central

Trinity UCC
East Petersburg, PA

Christ Church UCC
Elizabethtown, PA

Emmanuel UCC
Hanover, PA

Hamilton Park UCC
Lancaster, PA

Saint Paul's UCC
New Oxford, PA

Pennsylvania Southeast

Glenside United Church of Christ
Glenside, PA

Trinity Christian UCC
Skipack, PA

United Church of Christ at Valley Forge
Wayne, PA

Rocky Mountain

First United Church of Arvada UCC
Arvada, CO

Vista Grande Community UCC
Colorado Springs, CO

Park Hill Congregational UCC
Denver, CO

South Central

United Congregational Church of Lubbock
Lubbock, TX

Southeast

Covenant Community Church UCC
Birmingham, AL

Peace Congregational Church
Clemson, SC

Pleasant Hill Community Church UCC
Pleasant Hill, TN

Southern

Mount Auburn UCC
Manson, NC

Southern New England

Congregational Church
Weston, MA

The Eliot Church of Newton
Newton, MA

First Church of Christ Congregational,
Glastonbury
Glastonbury, CT

Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC
Lexington, MA

Kingston Congregational Church UCC
Kingston, RI

Shalom United Church of Christ
New Haven, CT

First Congregational UCC
Wellfleet, MA

First Congregational UCC
Stockbridge, MA

Union Memorial UCC
Stamford, CT

Congregational Church of Harvard UCC
Harvard, MA

Mashpee Congregational Church United Church of Christ
Mashpee, MA

Southwest

United Church of Santa Fe UCC
Santa Fe, NM

Vermont

First Congregational Church of Newfane UCC
Newfane, VT

Wisconsin

First Congregational UCC
Baraboo, WI

First Congregational UCC
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